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Many farmers think they have troudoubtless be a greater task to keep through a loop in a string, thus suspendthese subdued if it were not for the as- ing them at the height desired. The

If we are to believe what many sciagricultural departments tell us, what be given all the draft needed, if at the United States government publications declare and what we can all see with our eyes if we stop to observe. one great incalculable value of our birds lies in the tremendous number of harmful insects which they destroy and the vast quantities of barmful

weed seeds which they consume. It is no small service that a pair of robins render when they honor you



their weight of worms and insects. It is no little thing to have a pair of pewees nest in a tree near your house sects that seek to destroy the foliage

Biue Bird.

or to sting the fruit of young trees. Many people have failed to appreciate what a tremendous force the wild birds are for doing good to the agricultural interests of the country simply from a failure to observe them closely. Many people rarely see wild birds except when the frightened creatures are wildly endeavoring to escape from the real or imaginary enemy who has intruded upon their solitude.

Government experts who have made a close study of the subject of bird destruction and the results tell us that products of the eastern United States ! is annually a total loss from the ravages of insects. This percentage, too, ew are told, is on the increase, owing to the decreasing number of birds. That many birds are far less numerous than formerly any observant man over forty years of age will readily testify.

The early inhabitants of New England felt that they had a grievance against the blackbirds for eating corn in the fields, so laws were passed offering "a bounty of threepence a dozen for dead maize thieves." Dr. Benjamin Franklin is quoted by Peter Kahn, a Swedish naturalist, as saying that the blackbirds were thus exterminated, "but as in the summer of 1749 an im-

nse quantity of worms appeared in meadows, which devoured the back and three-quarter inch at each ass and did great damage, the people side than the super's inside measure bated their enmity, for they had obrved that those birds lived chiefly on

Smokehouse Made of Barrel.

Where it is desired to smoke but a few pieces of meat at one time an about two days. It is essential that effective little smokehouse can be parafiln be used freely around the made by using a barrel. In one end cracks to prevent leaking. three or four one-half inch holes are bored, to allow the surplus smoke to escape as well as to provide a method REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS. of hanging the meat. Strings are tied barrel is set over the fire, for which entists have revealed, what many state up one edge of the barrel the fire may one end is removed, and by propping any time it is required. This does the work very successfully and is simple to prepare as well as being cheap.

Care For Chicks' Diet.

One of the most common allments with half grown chicks when not properly fed is bowel trouble. Too heavy grain and meat feeding with an insufficient supply of raw vegetable food is the common cause. If chicks are given an opportunity to balance their ration for themselves by keeping them supplied with a variety of foods there | will be little trouble from this source. Supplement the gain ration with raw | regetable food unless the chicks are running on the range picking up grasshoppers and nipping alfalfa. Raw potatoes and beets are excellent vegetables for young chicks, and old ones, for that matter.

Cowpeas Improve Soil.

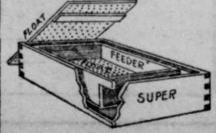
cowpea crop benefits the soil upon cover an opening that serves as a which it grows and increases its pro- damper. The stump is covered with by living a summer in your garden ductive capacity. In the first place it kerosene, which is then lit, and the does so by increasing the supply of ni- furnace left over the stump until it trogen, which it transfers from the air is burned away. to the sell by means of bacteria which and every day for weeks and weeks added supply of nitrogen serves also to live on the roots of the plant. This rid the air of hundreds of harmful in- | increase the growth of the plant as well as enriching the soil during its

DEVICE FOR FEEDING BEES.

Will Prove to Be Extremely Useful When Extensive Feeding In Apiary Is Necessary.

When extensive feeding become necessary in the apiary the device as all the trees lean away from it. It herewith will be found very useful. It consists of a paraffin coated box with a vent this where there is no hill or wood perforated wooden float almost as one-tenth of the entire agricultural large as the inside dimensions of the but by planting them leaning a little box, which when in use is set in a

feeder should be about two inches to a deformity in the orchard.



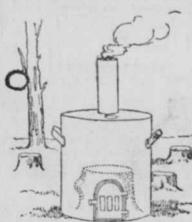
may be set below the brood chamber with, say, twenty or twenty-five pounds of sirup in the feeder. This amount will be taken up by a strong colony in

ble enough with the grass and weeds to the hams, etc., and passed up in their growing crops, but it would through these holes and a nail put Placing Furnace Over Them and Applying Kerosene.

> An inexpensive way of burning our stumps is to place a galvanized forace, as shown in the sketch, over the stump and allow it to burn at leisure. This furnace is cylindrical and is made of sufficient size to cover the

ments, and the front should be partly

cut away, as shown. In use the super



Furnace For Burning Stumps.

stumps. An ordinary joint of stove It is interesting to note just how the of convenient size is made below to pipe is used for the smoke. A door

> Wind Will Deform Trees. One of the results to be gained by reducing the head of a tree or cutting back the limbs when it is transplanted is that it will afford less surface to eatch the wind, and the tree will not be blown down or bent over before the roots will get well established in the soil.

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Mother-I'm afraid Gwendoline is

setting her heart on that young Pen-

Mother-I am almost sure of it.

for her to marry. He is as poor as a

rat, and has no prospects. Something

must be done to set her against him

have hit upon what I think is an ex-

Father-Yes. What is it?

other was evidently annoyed.

want her to marry him.

Mother-I have thought of that, and

Mother-We must tell her that we

Retort Courteous.

Two men were occupying a double

seat in a crowded car. One of them

was a long-distance whistler and the

"You don't seem to like my whist-

ling?" said the noisy one, after a five-

"Well," continued the other, "maybe

you think you are man enough to

"No, I don't think I am," rejoine

And the whistling was discontin

the other, "but I hope you are."

minute continuous performance.
"No, I don't," was the frank reply.

Father-Well, he is not a fit person

Father-You think so?

cellent plan.

Potatoes are continuing to absorb quite a good deal of the trucker's atention

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